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SUBJECT: COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT: LETTER FROM THE
SECRETARY

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE TEXT OF THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM
THE SECRETARY TO PRIME MINISTER BANDARANAIKE. IT IS NOT
REPEAT NOT PLANNED TO SEND SIGNED ORIGINAL.

2. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR MADAME PRIME MINISTER: I WOULD
LIKE TO UNDERSCORE MY APPRECIATION FOR THE FRANK
DIALOGUE WHICH WE HAVE HAD WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT IN
NEW YORK, WASHINGTON AND COLOMBO REGARDING THE UPCOMING
NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT CONFERENCE. SINCE THE MANNER IN
WHICH VIEWS AND POSITIONS ARE DERIVED AND EXPRESSED
IN THE PRINCIPAL MEETINGS OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT
OFTEN HAS A CONSIDERABLE IMPACT ON THE DELIBERATIONS OF
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THE UNITED NATIONS, IT HAS BECOME IMPORTANT THAT OUR

GOVERNMENT MAINTAIN EFFECTIVELY CHANNELS OF
COMMUNICATION WITH THE KEY NATIONS INVOLVED.

IT WAS IN THIS SPIRIT THAT AMBASSADOR KANAKARATNE AND
I RECENTLY REVIEWED THE ISSUES OF KOREA, PUERTO RICO
AND THE MIDDLE EAST WHICH ARE OF SPECIAL CONCERN TO THE

UNITED STATES. IT IS MY HOPE THAT UNDER YOUR
STEWARDSHIP THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT CAN AVOID UNBALANCED
AND EXTREME RESOLUTIONS ON THESE QUESTIONS.

WITH REGARD TO KOREA, GIVEN THE STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE
OF THE REGION TO ALL OF ASIA, THE ATTAINMENT OF A
SECURE AND STABLE PEACE IS ESSENTIAL. FOR THIS REASON,
AS I TOLD THE AMBASSADOR, THE UNITED STATES IS
EMPHASIZING A CONCILIATORY POSTURE BY ALL INTERESTED
PARTIES. TO THAT END, ON JULY 22ND I PUBLICLY RENEWED
MY PROPOSAL FOR A CONFERENCE OF SUCH INTERESTED PARTIES.
I SUGGESTED THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE STARTED IMMEDIATELY,
IN ORDER TO PERMIT CONVENING THE CONFERENCE THIS FALL.

SIMILARLY WE ARE ALSO SENSITIVE ABOUT THE PUERTO RICAN
ISSUE. THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO FREELY CHOSE A
COMMONWEALTH RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES
AND REAFFIRMED THE DECISION IN A 1967 REFERENDUM. FOR
THAT REASON, I WAS PLEASED TO LEARN FROM AMBASSADOR
KANAKARATNE OF YOUR INTENTION TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT
AT COLOMBO OUR STRONG FEELINGS ABOUT PUERTO RICO.

AS FOR THE MIDDLE EAST, I AM CONTINUING TO PURSUE,
TO THE EXTENT THAT RECENT TRAGIC EVENTS IN THE REGION
PERMIT, EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN PRODUCTIVE CONTACTS WITH
THE CONCERNED PARTIES. A LASTING SETTLEMENT IN THE
MIDDLE EAST IS OBVIOUSLY A MATTER OF AS MUCH CONCERN TO
MANY OF THE NON-ALIGNED NATIONS AS IT IS TO THE
UNITED STATES. WE NEED THE INVOLVEMENT AND GOODWILL OF
ALL CONCERNED IN DEALING WITH THIS PROBLEM AND I WAS
HEARTENED BY AMBASSADOR KANAKARATNE'S ASSURANCE THAT
SRI LANKA SHARES OUR DESIRE THAT THIS PROCESS NOT BE
IMPAIRED BY PARTISAN PRONOUNCEMENTS WITH RESPECT
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TO ANY OF THE PARTIES.

OBVIOUSLY, THE SUMMIT WILL DISCUSS A NUMBER OF OTHER
ISSUES IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS AN INTEREST, BUT
I DID WANT TO UNDERScore OUR CONCERN WITH THE QUESTIONS
MENTIONED ABOVE.

MAY I ADD THAT I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR OFFICIAL VISIT

TO WASHINGTON, BUT I ALSO UNDERSTAND YOUR REASONS FOR
NOT WISHING TO PROLONG YOUR STAY THIS FALL AFTER
YOUR TRIP TO NEW YORK. I TRUST THAT WE WILL BE ABLE
TO WORK OUT A SATISFACTORY DATE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
I READ THE REPORT OF AMBASSADOR REED'S FIRST MEETING
WITH YOU WITH INTEREST AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE
AMBASSADOR CONTINUING OUR CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE WITH
YOU. RESPECTFULLY, HENRY A. KISSINGER. END TEXT.

3. DEPARTMENT WISHES TO TREAT FOREGOING AS
PRIVILEGED PRIVATE CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN SECRETARY
AND RECIPIENT. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO DISCOURAGE GSL
FROM RELEASE IF ISSUE IS RAISED.

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